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Mr. SOLON advised he also addressed a post card, dated December 17, 1963, to the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company. He said his comments on this post card were only his opinion that someone at the "Dallas Morning News" must have called Caracas, Venezuela, so that the kidnapping of the U. S. Army Colonel could have been reported at the same time of the assassination of President KENNEDY to push the news of his death off the front pages.

Mr. SOLON said he felt that if such a call was made, the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company should report this to the FBI and that if this was not done, then this was "treason".

Mr. SOLON advised he had been a great admirer of President KENNEDY and was deeply shocked by his death. He said he had thought about this very much and just wished that he could help in some way, so he wrote the post cards as a means of suggestion and help. Mr. SOLON advised, however, the only thing he really knew of positively was having heard the three shots of the assassination.

Mr. SAMUEL BURTON PATERNOSTRO, Assistant District Attorney, Dallas County, Texas, advised he resides at 3050 Cridelle, Dallas, Texas, and his telephone number at home is PL 7-2900. He said his office is in the Dallas County Records Building, and his telephone number there is RI. 7-6351. He said he recalled that on November 22, 1963, he viewed the Presidential parade in Dallas, Texas from the second floor of the Dallas County Criminal Courts Building in Criminal District Courtroom No. 2, with RUTH THORNTON, a clerk for Criminal District Court No. 4, and he believed that a Dallas Police Officer, E. R. GADDY, was possibly present when he and Mrs. THORNTON were watching the Presidential car and they heard a report or shot which he believed came from the Texas School Book Depository (TSBD) building or the Criminal Courts Building or the triple overpass.

He said he estimated several seconds, possibly four or five or more, elapsed between the first report and the second and third reports. He said he observed President JOHN F. KENNEDY when he appeared to grab his head and thought at the time "he is well-trained"; then when the other reports followed in quick succession, he realized that the President had been shot and it was not a practiced action on the part of the President when he fell against Mrs. KENNEDY and later into the rear part of the vehicle he was riding in. Mr. PATERNOSTRO said he did not observe any person or persons in the window of the TSBD building; in fact, he said he doubted that he could have seen anyone in the window where the alleged assassin was reported to have fired the shots from.

He said he knew nothing more about the assassination of the President. He said he had discussed the fact that he viewed the parade with ARTHUR STEVENS, Deputy District Court Clerk, Dallas County, but he had not been interviewed by any FBI Agents regarding his viewing the assassination.

Mr. PATERNOSTRO advised he has never known LEE HARVEY OSWALD or JACK RUBY personally. He does know RUBY when he sees him and has spoken to him personally, but has no knowledge concerning RUBY's background.

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Mrs. U. L. "JACK" THORNTON (RUTH THORNTON), advised that she is a Deputy District Clerk in Criminal District Court No. 4, Dallas County, and she recalled that on November 22, 1963, she observed the Presidential parade from Criminal District Courtroom No. 2 in the Dallas County Court Building, and had been observing it for about ten minutes before the motorcade turned off of Main Street. She said she was looking out of a window on the Main Street side of the building and then walked over to a window on the Houston Street side, as the Presidential car drove toward the triple overpass.

She said she heard a report which she believed was a car backfiring, until somebody said "that was a shot!" Then she said two more reports followed in quick succession and she observed Mrs. KENNEDY as she stood up in the rear seat of the Presidential car, and about that same time she observed a plainclothes officer jump on the rear part of the Presidential car just before it was rushed away.

She said she did not look toward the Texas School Book Depository building, and after thinking the event over, she doubted that she could have seen the window from where the assassin is alleged to have fired the shot that killed President KENNEDY. She said the only person that she recalled that was present while she was watching the shooting of the President was SAM PATERNOSTRO.

Mrs. THORNTON said she has never known LEE HARVEY OSWALD or JACK RUBY. She said she had never visited either the Carousel or the Vegas Club and that she knows of no association between OSWALD and RUBY except that released by the news media subsequent to the assassination of President JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY.

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